

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-21 are subject to the restriction and/or election requirement.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action indicates that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that claims 1-13 are drawn to an integral plastic and metal part, classified in class 428, subclass 137, while claims 14-21 are drawn to a method of attaching a plastic component to a metal component, classified in class 264, subclass 239.

Applicants elect, with traverse, claims 1-13.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement because search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner or the Patent Office. See, MPEP §803. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP §803, even though claims are directed to independent or distinct inventions, they should be examined together since this can be done without serious burden.

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Conclusion

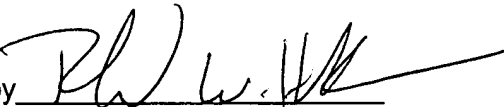
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request consideration of reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction raised by the Office Action has been successfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel at 248-364-4300, if any unresolved matters remain. Any needed extension of time is hereby requested with the filing of this document. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1612 (Warn Hoffmann Miller & LaLone). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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